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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby makes petition for extension of time of three months for response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003 in the above-referenced application. A shortened statutory period of three months was set. In connection with this petition, please charge \$950.00 or the sum required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97–1.98, as supplemented by MPEP § 609. Presentation of documents listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 is not an admission that any listed document is prior art under the Patent Statutes and the right is reserved to antedate any material described in the listed documents by a showing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise.

This IDS supplements those submitted on March 24, 2000, October 17, 2001, April 26, 2002, July 10, 2002 and February 18, 2003 and is filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) accompanied by authorization to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

WO 00/15195 was cited (as Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-5424492A) in an

action by the Japanese patent office. It is noted that neither WO 00 15195 nor its priority document (Danish Patent Application No. 981143) is available as prior art to the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as can be established by applying the guidelines of MPEP § 706.02(f)(1).

All documents submitted herewith except WO 00:15195 were cited in oppositions of counterparts of the present application in Israel and at EPO. Of these documents, Basit *et al.* (2001) has a publication date later than the priority date of the present application. To the best of Applicant's belief none of the art cited in the remaining 29 documents is closer to the present invention than art already of record.

The following documents are in a language other than English and Applicant is not in possession of an English language translation of these.

EP 0 256 933 appears to relate to a granular formulation of fenofibrate, an antihyperlipoproteinemic agent, having a fenofibrate particle size not greater than 50 μm .

EP 0 330 532 is believed to be a counterpart of US 4,895,726, also presented herein, and appears to relate to a gelatin capsule formulation containing co-micronized fenofibrate and solid surfactant, having a mean particle size of the co-micronized mixture of less than 15 μ m.

Bauer *et al.* (1991) appears to disclose, on page 104, a table of particle sizes and, on page 203, a general discussion of micronization of drugs.

List (1985) appears to provide a general discussion of dissolution rate.

Voigt (1984) appears to provide a general discussion of drug dissolution.

Applicant regrets that some of the documents provided herewith are poor-quality copies, but they are the best copies presently available to Applicant, and all are legible.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW ON OCTOBER 23, 2003

Applicant appreciates the courtesy shown to the undersigned by Examiner Tran and Supervisory Examiner Page in a personal interview in the present matter on October 23, 2003. Applicant agrees that the Interview Summary prepared by the Examiner is an accurate record of the substance of the interview, but adds that it was agreed that rejoinder of method of use claims (Claims 72–75) would be accepted by the Examiner. It was further agreed that Claims 84-90, being composition claims dependent from Claim 1, should be considered together with Claims 1–50 instead of with the process claims (Claims 76–83 and 91-94) as in the Office Action dated

May 20, 2003.

By amendment as proposed herein, the claims are put in condition for immediate allowance as agreed during the interview, subject to the Examiner's review of the art cited in the IDS submitted herewith. The Examiner agreed to call the undersigned upon receipt and consideration of the present amendment and response.

In compliance with the format for amendments now required, an amendment follows, beginning on a separate page.